



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Aiken County School District Maintenance Site
843 Edgefield Avenue NW, Aiken, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 12, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6395-NRP will affect approximately 5.53 acres located at 843 Edgefield Avenue NW, Aiken, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Aiken County Tax Map Serial Number 104-20-24-001. The City of Aiken wants to acquire the property, raze the existing buildings, and construct a Senior/Youth Center for the City of Aiken. In 1952 the Property was developed as a school; currently the Property is used as the county-wide school maintenance headquarters for the District. Operations on the Property have included underground storage tanks (USTs), above ground storage tanks (ASTs), vehicle maintenance to include a subgrade oil change pit, pesticide storage, chemical storage to include solvents for paint removal, and carpentry. Various warehouses and maintenance debris are located on the Property. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and City of Aiken. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold City of Aiken responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, City of Aiken will test soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment on the property. If significant contamination is found, City of Aiken will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. City of Aiken did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, City of Aiken will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 12, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, by e-mail at overcajc@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Ms. Overcash at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.